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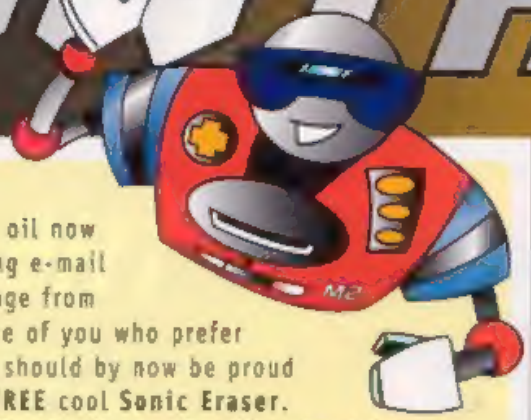

Hey, Boomers!

My hands are in need of an oil now that so many of you are sending e-mail letters to *STC* (it makes a change from opening envelopes!). For those of you who prefer more traditional methods, you should by now be proud owners of the cover-mounted **FREE** cool **Sonic Eraser**. Once you've stopped admiring it, check out what lies ahead in this issue ...

Robotnik comes up with another hair-brained scheme in the **Sonic** story, **Project Brutus**. Underwater adventure continues as **Ecco the Dolphin** comes to the rescue. **The Cybernik Strikes Back** in the first part of a brand new **Sonic's World** story, while **Knuckles and Tails** battle with old Trogg features!

Vector, the *Chaotix* crocodile snaps his way into *STC*'s centre page pin-up. The **Graphic Zone** features your artwork at its vampish best and should put you in the mood for *STC* 64's **Halloween Horror** issue. Speaking of 'witch' check out the **FREE** gift that comes with it (see below) ...

Megadroid

HALLOWEEN TREAT!

Halloween is heading our way and *STC* has decided that no self respecting Boomer should be seen without a mask! *STC* 64's **FREE Sonic Mask** is just what you need to fool unsuspecting humes, so reserve a copy at your local newsagent, now!

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

Project Brutus
Part 1

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NEW STORY

TWO QUALITIES THAT A GOOD LEADER NEEDS ARE DIGNITY AND MATURITY...

...BUT THEN DOCTOR ROBOTNIK NEVER SET OUT TO BE A GOOD LEADER...

TAKE THAT, YOU HELLISH BLUE HEDGEHOG! BAH! YOU SPOIL ALL MY PLANS! I'LL GET YOU ONE DAY!

SWISH!

DOWN IN THE LABORATORY...
BEHOLD... BRUTUS! THE ULTIMATE TROOPER!
GOOD WORK, GRIMER! QUICKLY, BRING ME THE BRAIN SCANNER!
IF THIS WORKS, THE ROBOT WILL BE PROGRAMMED WITH A COPY OF YOUR BRAIN PATTERNS, SIR!
IT WILL WORK, GRIMER... OR ELSE!
LIVE, BRUTUS... LIVE!
I... I'M... ALIVE!

AT LAST! MY LONG AWAITED SECOND IN COMMAND! A TROOPER WITH MY OWN BRAIN PATTERNS!

YES, DOCTOR ... YOUR PERSONALITY PROGRAM COUPLED WITH MY COMPUTER BRAIN MAKES ME MORE THAN FIT FOR THE TASK OF EXTERMINATING SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

HAHA HAHA HAHA!

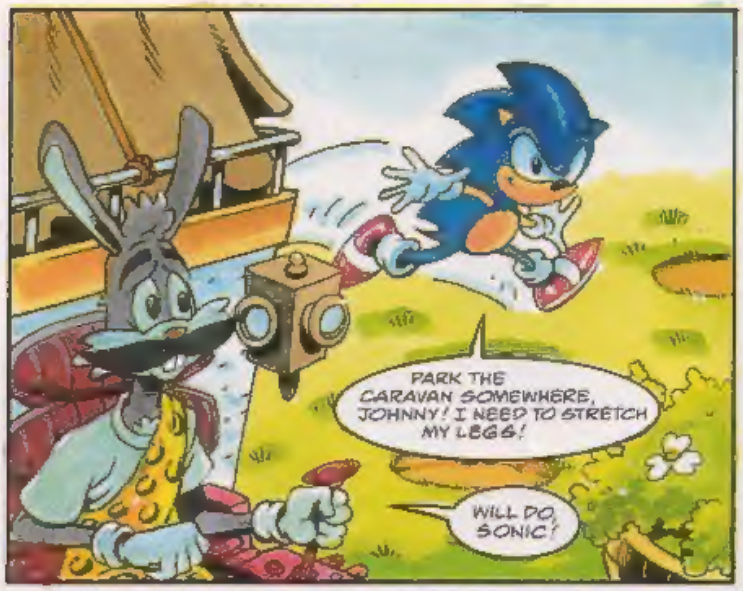
THE PLEASANT ZONE, SONIC AND CO. ARE DISGUISED AS BOB BEAKY'S TRAVELLING CIRCUS ...

I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER BEEN TO THIS ZONE BEFORE, SONIC!

ME AND THE GUYS CAME HERE A WHILE BACK! I HAD TO SAVE THE WHOLE VILLAGE FROM CERTAIN DOOM! * AS YOU DO.

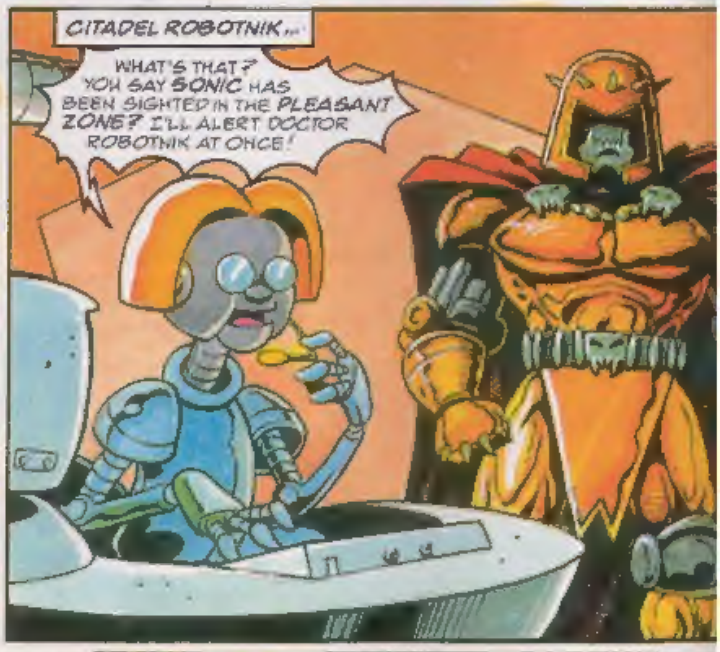
* SEE ISSUE 40 - MEGADROID.

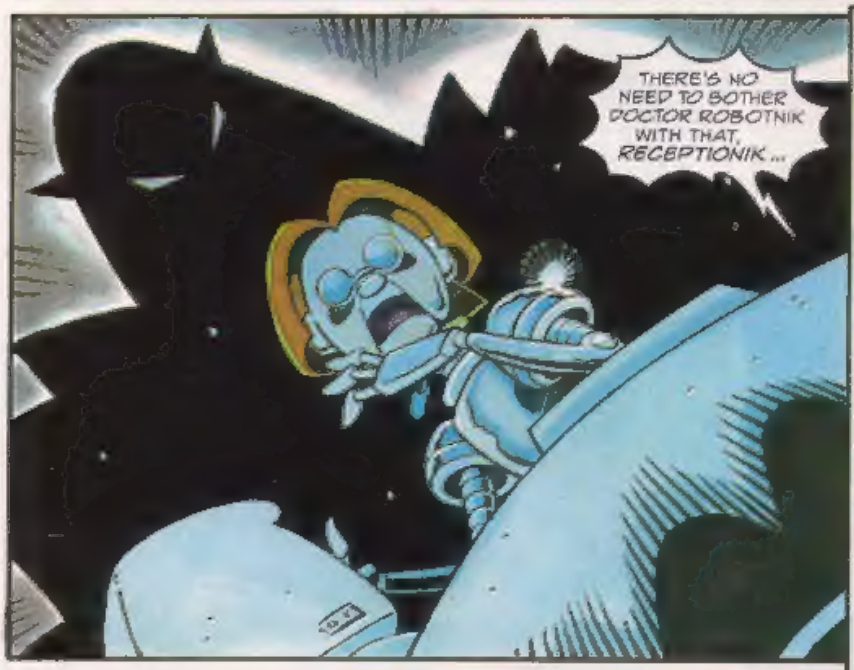
LOOKS PRETTY SAFE NOW THOUGH! GUESS THERE'S NO NEED FOR OUR DISGUISES TODAY!


PARK THE CARAVAN SOMEWHERE, JOHNNY! I NEED TO STRETCH MY LEGS!
WILL DO, SONIC!

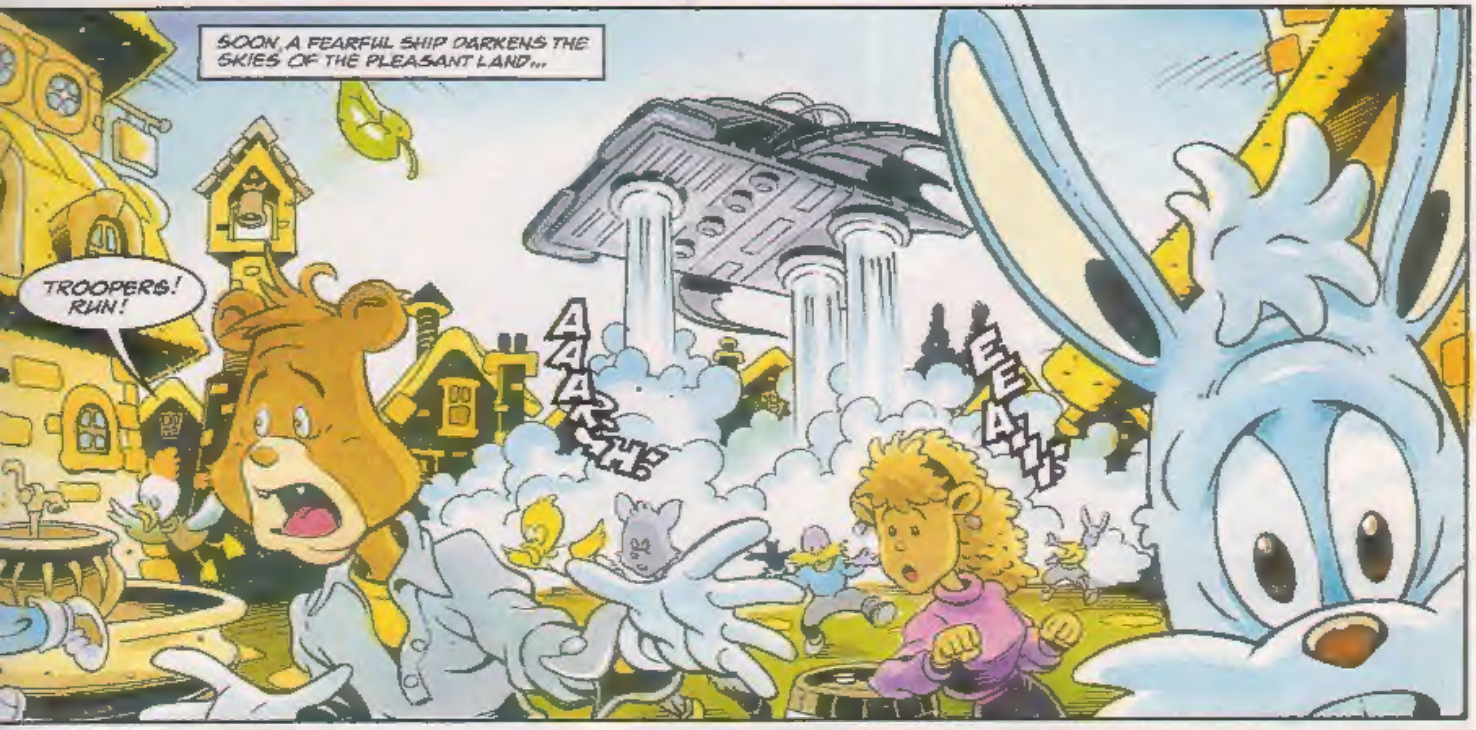
WOW! LOOK, IT'S SONIC!
WE THINK YOU'RE BRILLIANT, SONIC!
HEY, I KNOW THAT!

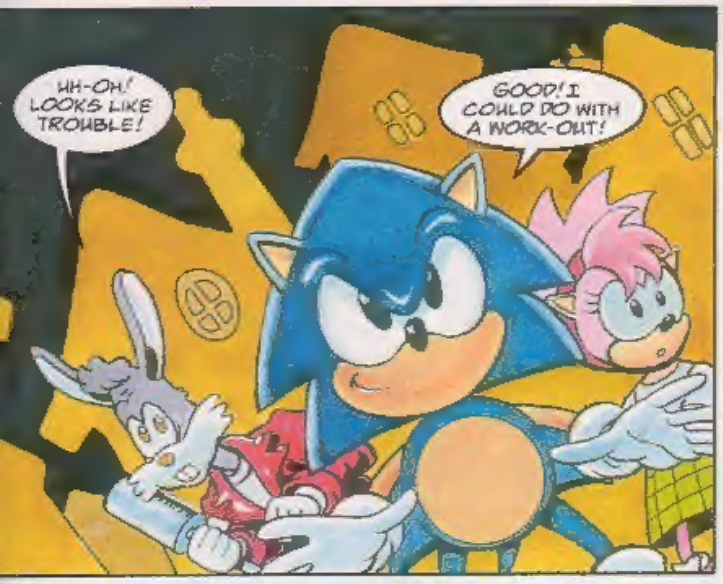
– BUT NOT EVERY RESIDENT OF THE PLEASANT ZONE ADMIRES OUR HERO...
PUT ME THROUGH TO DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!

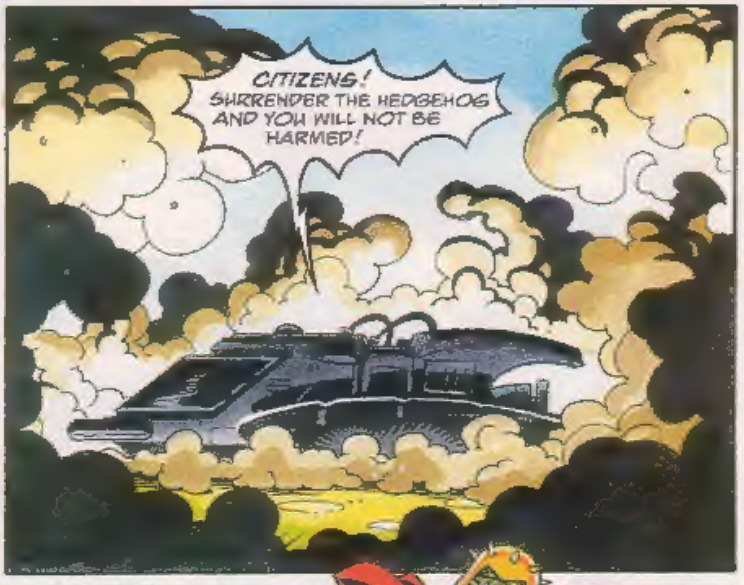

CITADEL ROBOTNIK...
WHAT'S THAT? YOU SAY SONIC HAS BEEN SIGHTED IN THE PLEASANT ZONE? I'LL ALERT DOCTOR ROBOTNIK AT ONCE!


THERE'S NO NEED TO BOTHER DOCTOR ROBOTNIK WITH THAT, RECEPTIONIK...

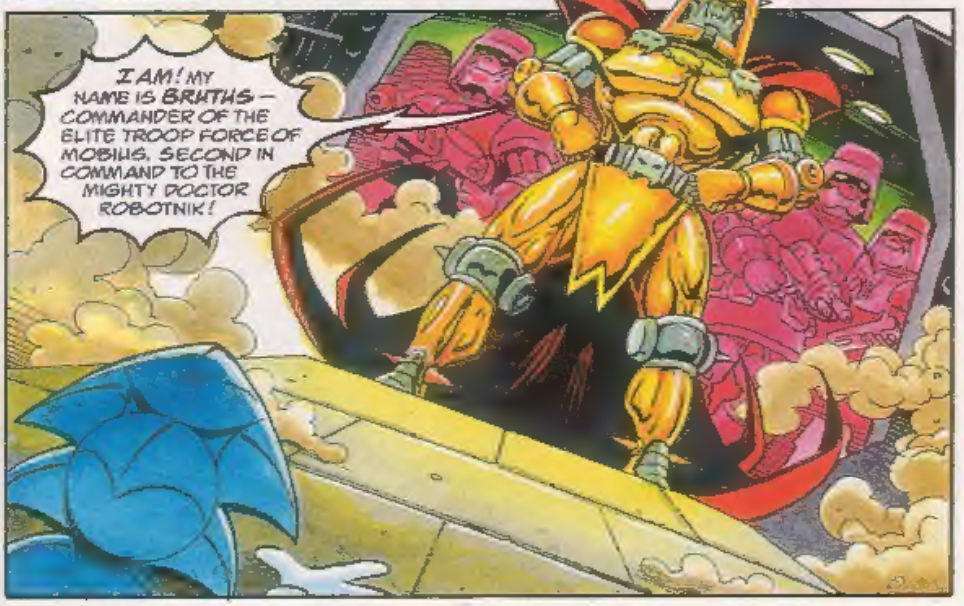
...I'LL DEAL WITH IT!

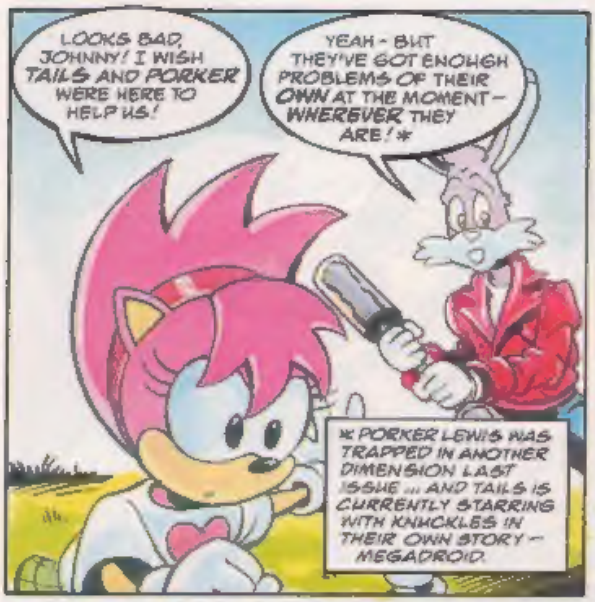

SOON, A FEARFUL SHIP DARKENS THE SKIES OF THE PLEASANT LAND...
TROOPERS! RUN!
AAAAHH
EEEAHH

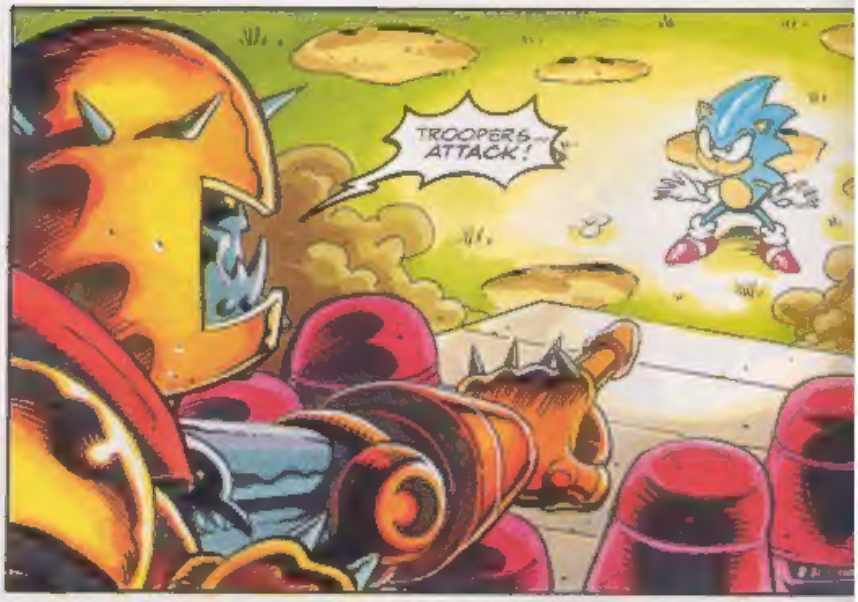

UH-OH! LOOKS LIKE TROUBLE!
GOOD! I COULD DO WITH A WORK-OUT!


CITIZENS! SURRENDER THE HEDGEHOG AND YOU WILL NOT BE HARMED!

HERE I AM, TIN-HEADS! WHO'S ASKING FOR ME?


I AM! MY NAME IS BRUTHS — COMMANDER OF THE ELITE TROOP FORCE OF MOBIUS, SECOND IN COMMAND TO THE MIGHTY DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!


LOOKS BAD, JOHNNY! I WISH TAILS AND PORKER WERE HERE TO HELP US!
YEAH - BUT THEY'VE GOT ENOUGH PROBLEMS OF THEIR OWN AT THE MOMENT - WHEREVER THEY ARE! *
* PORKER LEWIS WAS TRAPPED IN ANOTHER DIMENSION LAST ISSUE ... AND TAILS IS CURRENTLY STARRING WITH KNUCKLES IN THEIR OWN STORY - MEGADROID.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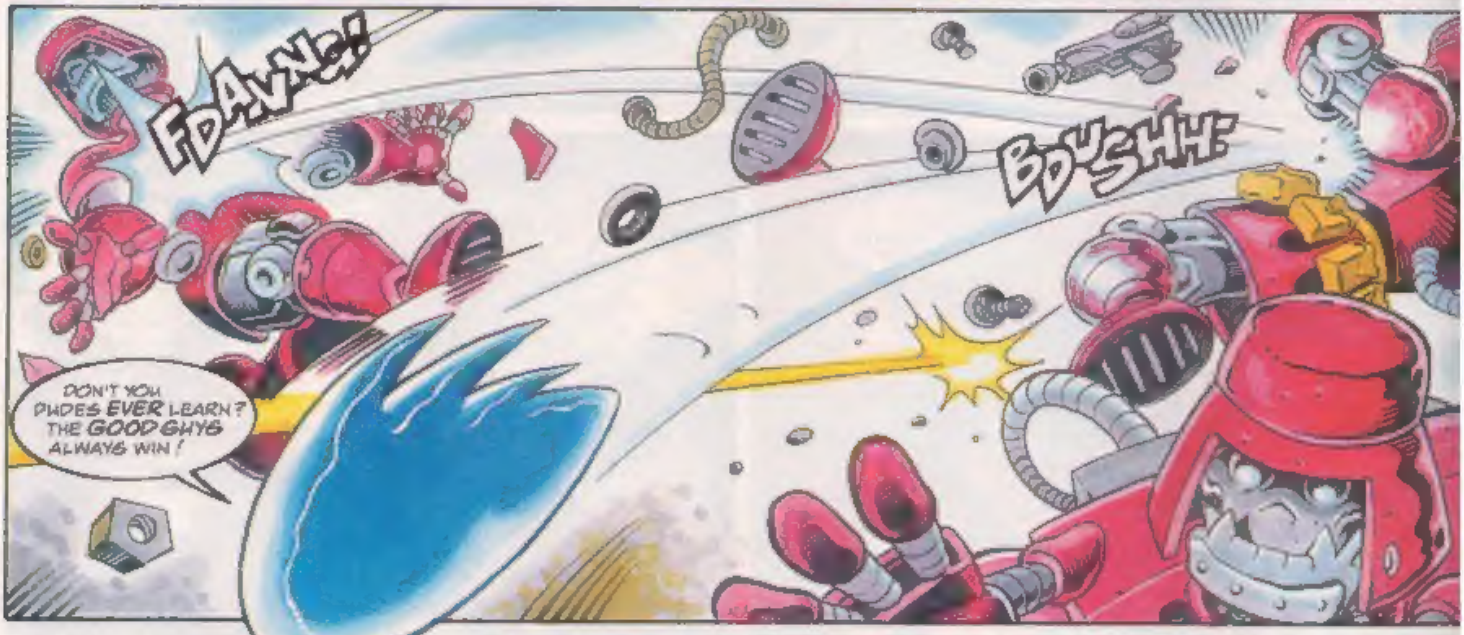
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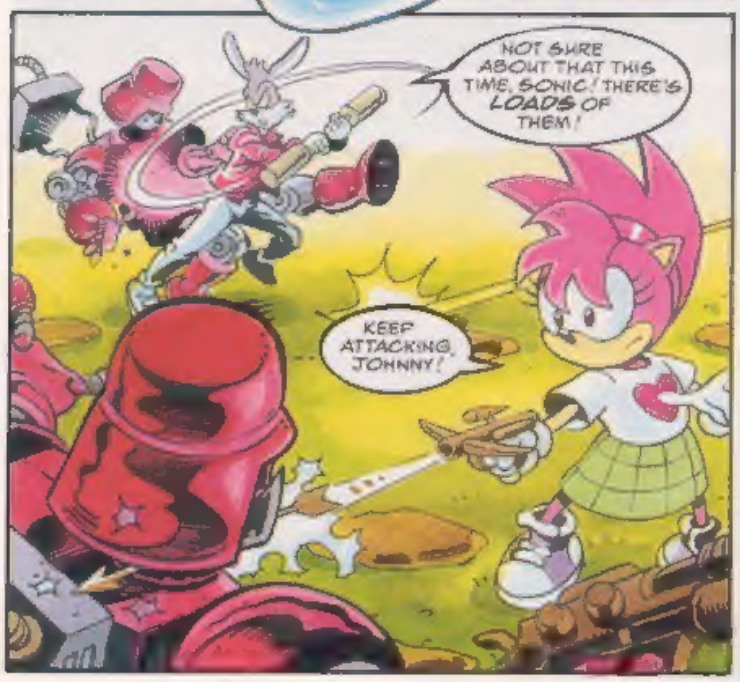
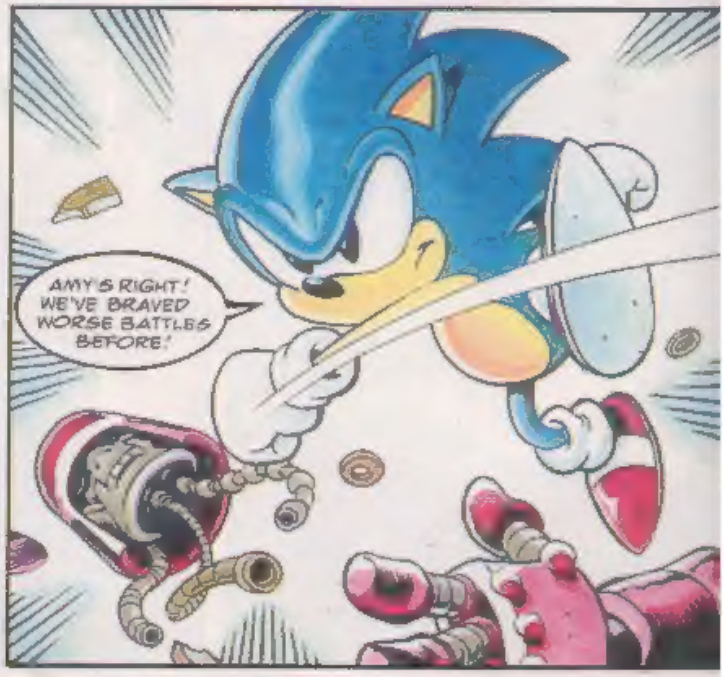
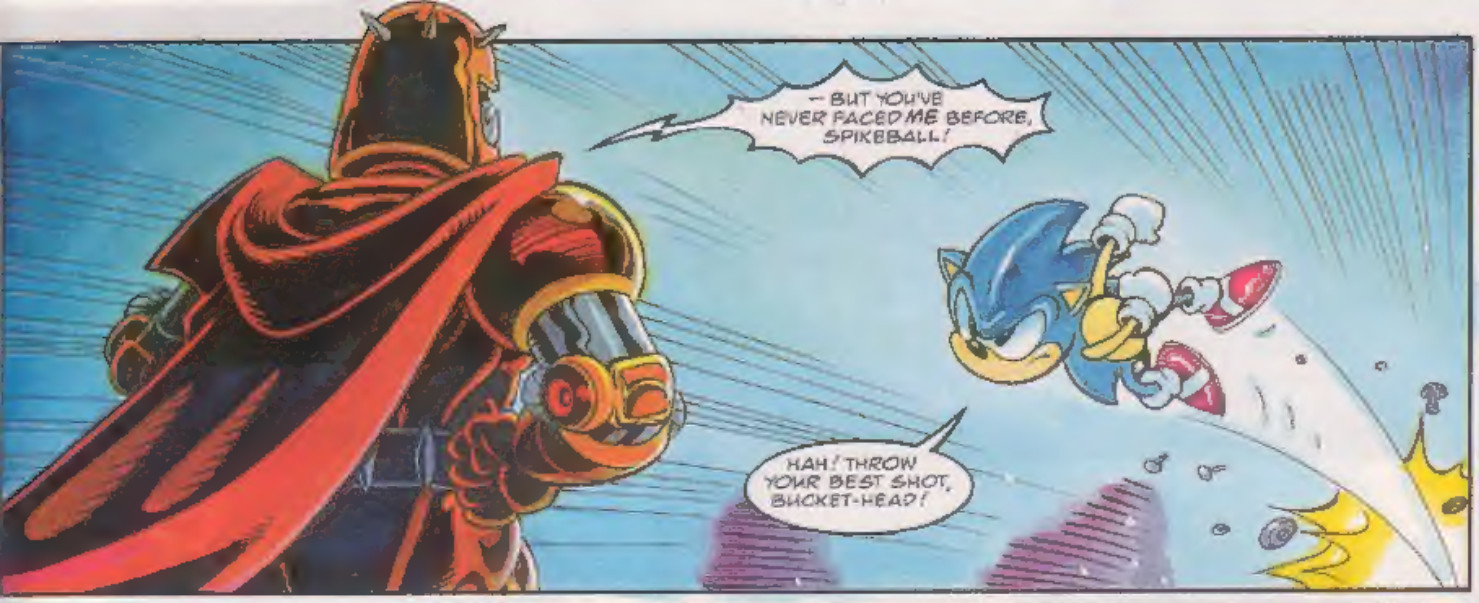
BDUSHH!
DON'T YOU DUDES EVER LEARN? THE GOOD GUYS ALWAYS WIN!


NOT SURE ABOUT THAT THIS TIME, SONIC! THERE'S LOADS OF THEM!
KEEP ATTACKING, JOHNNY!


AMY'S RIGHT! WE'VE BRAVED WORSE BATTLES BEFORE!



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GHOULISH GRAPHIC ZONE

SHOW STC WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH IMAGINATION AND A SHEET OF PAPER. BOOMERS WHO GET THEIR ARTWORK PRINTED WILL RECEIVE A PACK OF CRAYOLA PENS.

Sonic capers!

Adam Chandler, Prestwich, Manchester. Crayola Overwriter Pack Winner.

Evil Echidna?

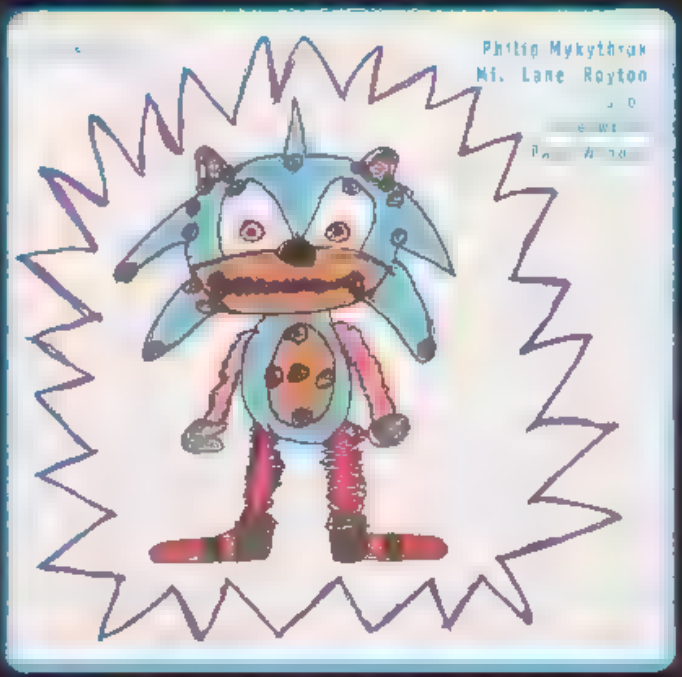
Thomas Prosser, Cirencester, Glos. MD owner. Crayola Overwriter Pack Winner.

It's that old (red) devil....

Andrew Hanson, Leeds. MD owner. Crayola Overwriter Pack Winner.

Bat-hog!

Keith Sargent, Port Erin, Isle of Man. GG/MS owner. Crayola Overwriter Pack Winner.



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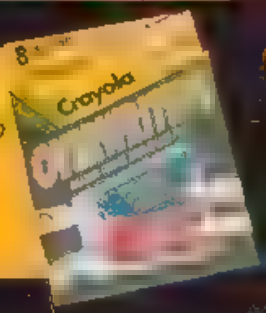

RETURN OF ECCO THE DOLPHIN

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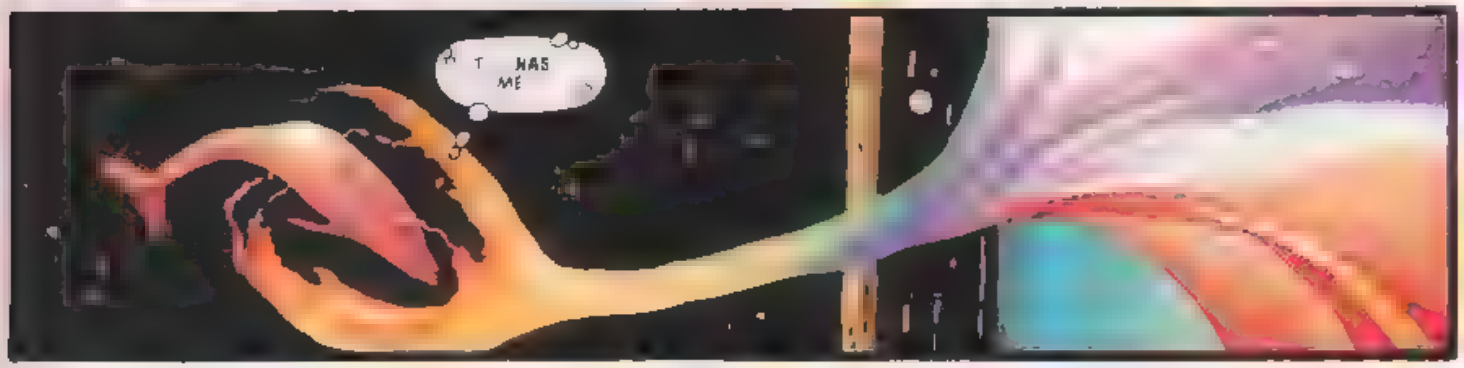
THE ASTERITE HAS GIVEN ECCO THE POWER TO SWIM AMONG THE STARS AND ENTER THE HOME OF THE VORTEX. DEADLY ALIENS WHO HAVE STOLEN EARTH'S SEA-LIFE FOR FOOD. ONCE THERE ECCO CAN USE THE LANGUAGE OF THE VORTEX TO RETURN HIS FELLOW SEA CREATURES TO THEIR HOME



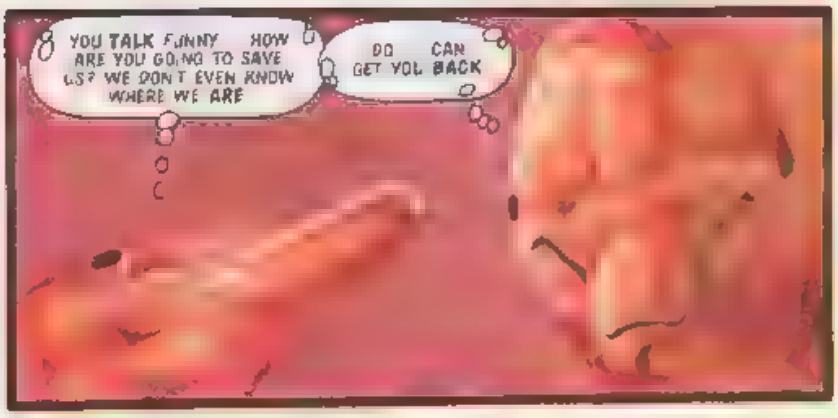
SOON
I'LL SEE MY
FRIENDS!
AS ECCO SWIRLS THROUGH THE CROSS DIMENSIONAL TURBULENCE HE UNDERSTANDS WHY THIS RACE OF ALIENS IS CALLED THE VORTEX

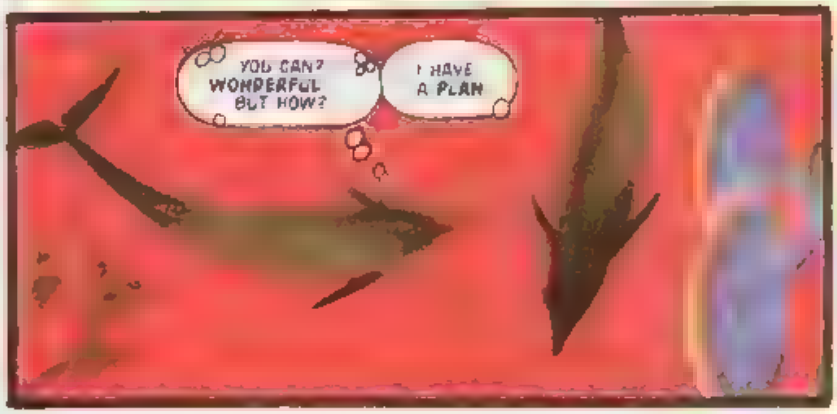
WHAT IS THIS STRANGE SEA?

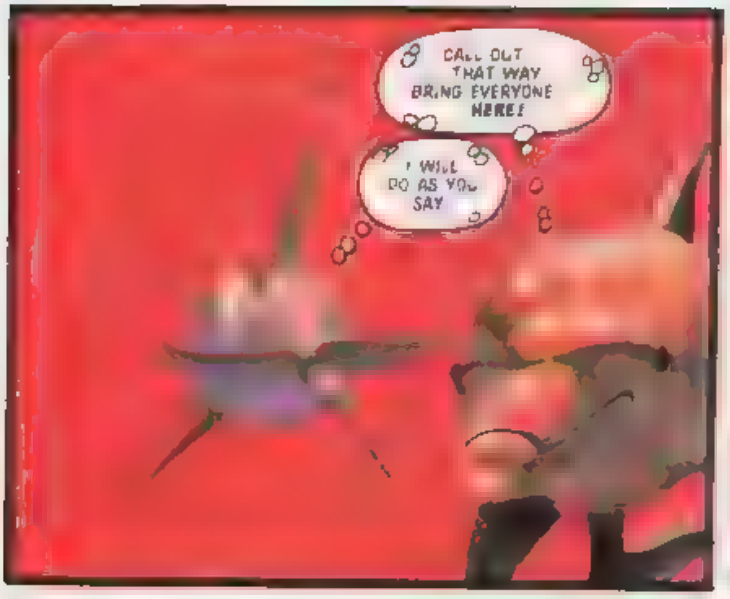
NOT WATER THICKER LIKE OIL

ECCO SETS ABOUT CONTACTING HIS FRIENDS FROM EARTH
ZREEEEK!

WHO ARE YOU?
ECCO HERE TO SAVE YOU!


YOU TALK FUNNY HOW ARE YOU GOING TO SAVE US? WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE WE ARE
DO CAN GET YOU BACK


YOU CAN? WONDERFUL BUT HOW?
I HAVE A PLAN


CALL OUT THAT WAY BRING EVERYONE HERE!
I WILL DO AS YOU SAY

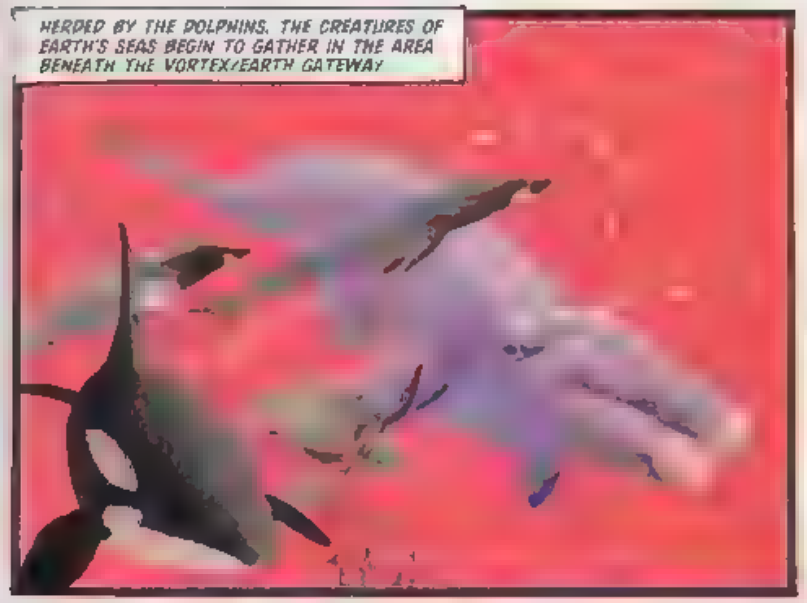
ZREEEEK!
VREEEEEK!

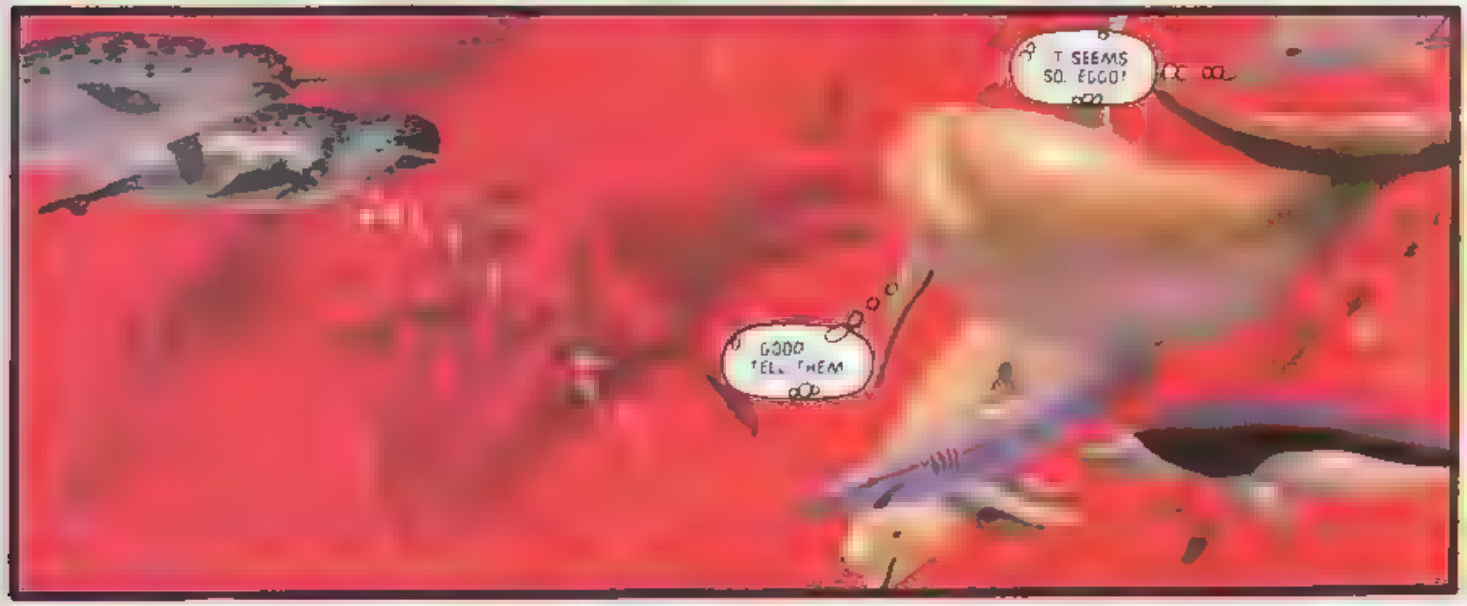
ZREEEEK!
VREEEEK!

GREET NGS BROTHERS SISTERS MY FRIEND WILL EXPLAIN

THIS IS ECCO HE CAN'T SPEAK VERY WELL BUT HE TELLS ME HE CAN TAKE US ALL HOME WE HAVE TO BRING ALL THE SEA CREATURES HERE SO WE CAN LEAVE TOGETHER
THERE'S NO TIME FOR QUESTIONS JUST DO IT

THANK YOU





NEXT ISSUE
HOMEWARD BOUND!

KNUCKLES and TAILS™

THE REVENGE OF TROGG Part 5

THE DARK ONE

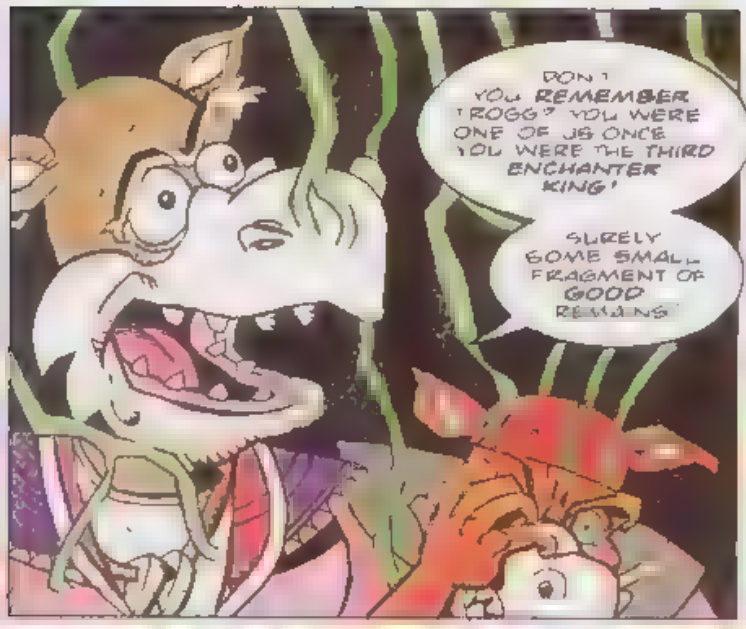
NOW HE TURNS HIS FRIGHTENING POWER ON THE ENCHANTER KINGS

DO NOT TRY TO RESIST YOU OLD FOOLS

KNUCKLES, TAILS AND MORDA ENTERED THE LAND BEYOND TO RESCUE THE ENCHANTER KINGS BUT EVEN THEY WERE NO MATCH FOR THE DARK ONE

DO YOU FEEL YOURSELVES STARTING TO CHANGE MY OLD FRIENDS?

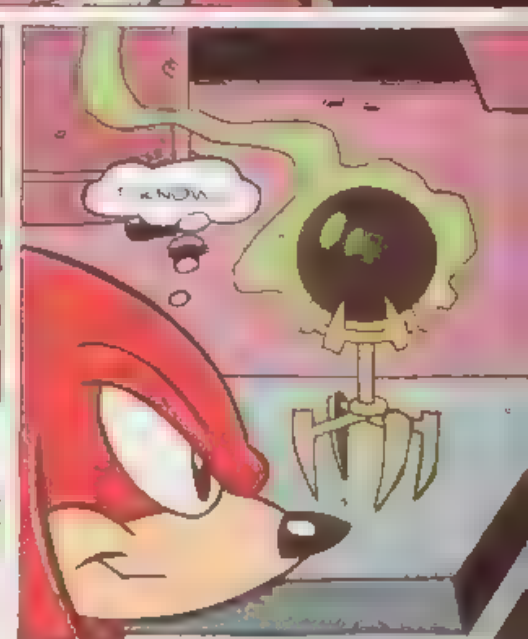
TO TRANSFORM INTO A SUPERIOR LIFE FORM LIKE ME!


DON'T YOU REMEMBER TROGG? YOU WERE ONE OF US ONCE YOU WERE THE THIRD ENCHANTER KING!
SURELY SOME SMALL FRAGMENT OF GOOD REMAINS

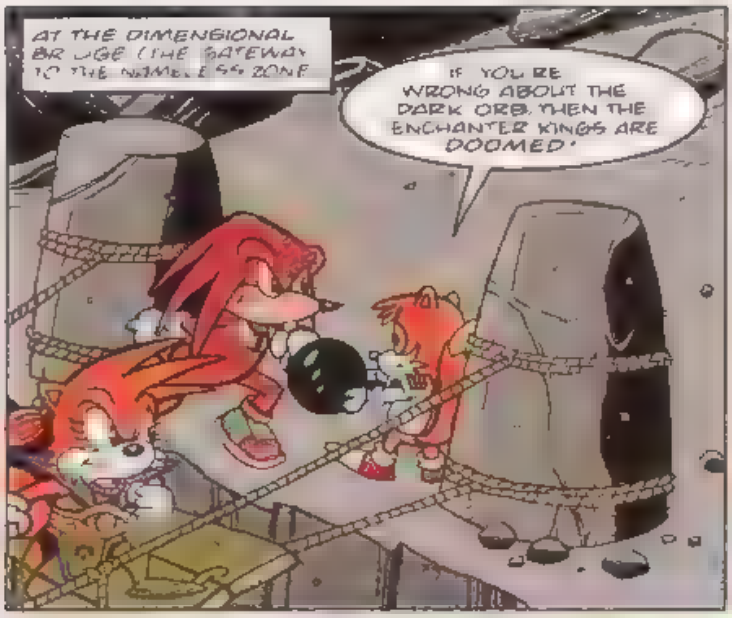
TOGETHER WE THREE WILL ENSLAVE ALL OF THE NAMELESS ZONE HAHAHAHA!
ON SECOND THOUGHTS I WOULDN'T HOLD OUT ANY HOPES FOR THAT FRAGMENT OF GOOD

I SHOULD USE TRYING TO RESIST VIRTALIS
AAAAGH!

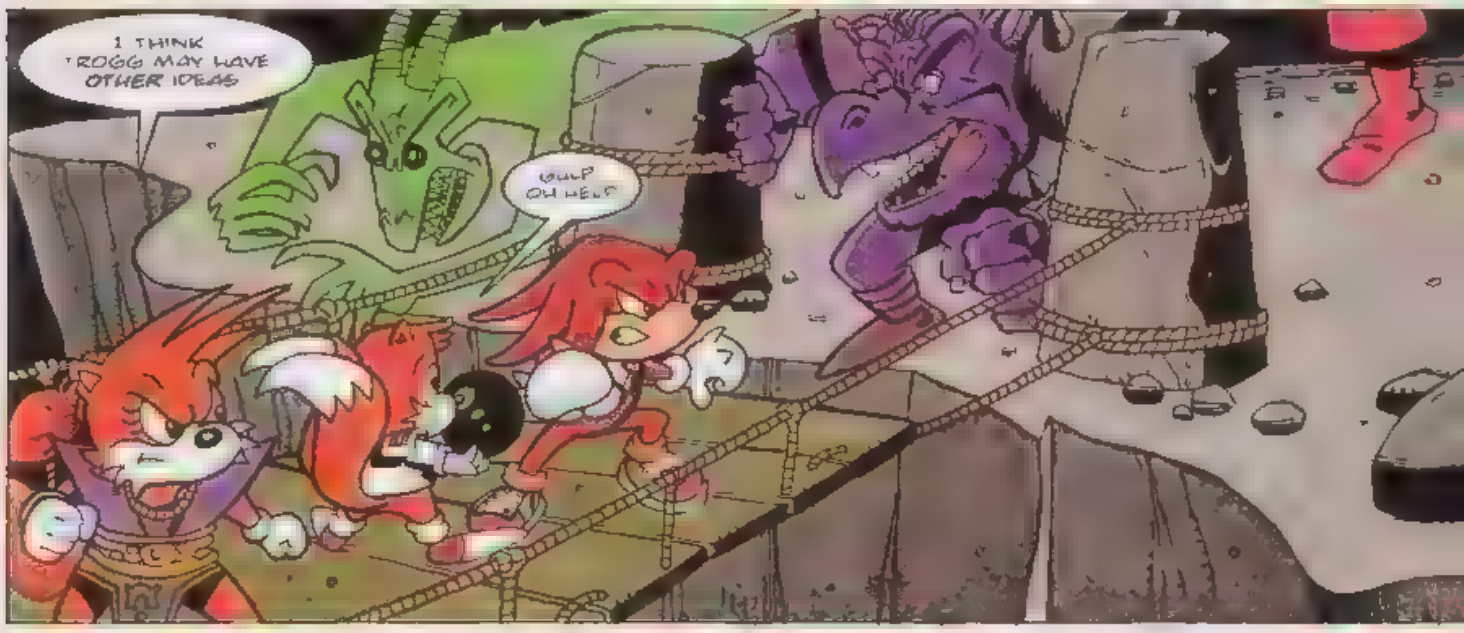
NEXT WHILE
THE FORCEFIELD IT'S GONE
IT MUST BE TAKING ALL OF THE DARK ONE'S POWER TO HANGE THE ENCHANTER KNOB
BUT WHAT CAN WE DO?

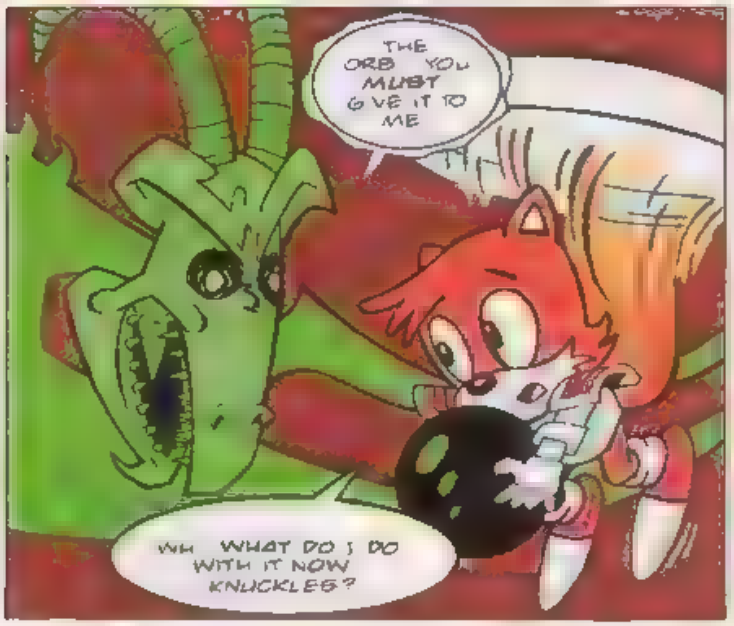

I KNOW

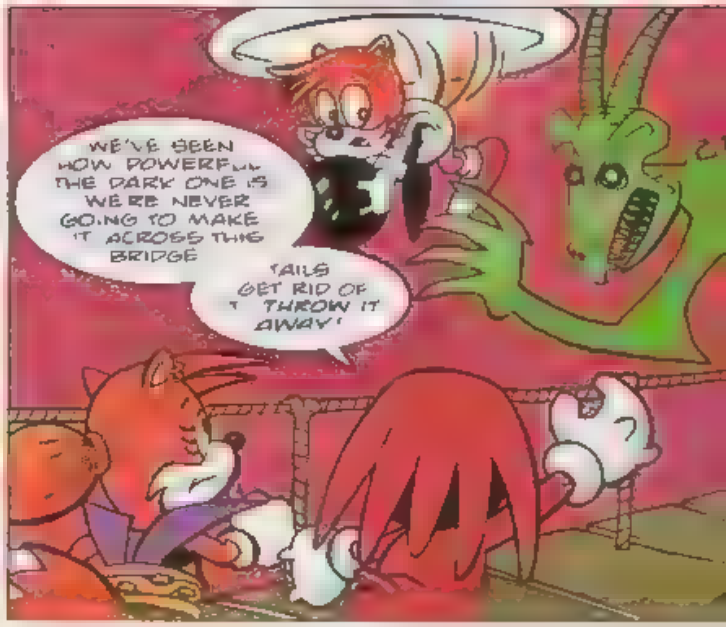
DONE
I FEEL DIFFERENT MORE POWERFUL!
NOW MY REVENGE ON THE LANDS BEYOND THE DIMENSION BRIDGE CAN AT LAST BEGIN!
STARTING WITH OUR PRISONERS!
HEY, WHERE ARE THEY?
I THOUGHT YOU HAD THEM, DARK ONE!
I KNEW I COULDN'T RELY ON A MERE MORTAL LIKE YOU!
NO THE DARK ORB IT'S GONE!
NOOOO! OH FOOL

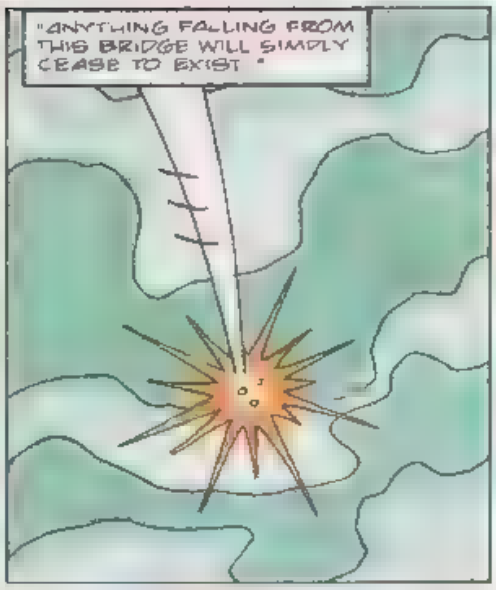

AT THE DIMENSIONAL BRIDGE (THE GATEWAY TO THE NAMELESS ZONE
IF YOU'RE WRONG ABOUT THE DARK ORB, THEN THE ENCHANTER KINGS ARE DOOMED!

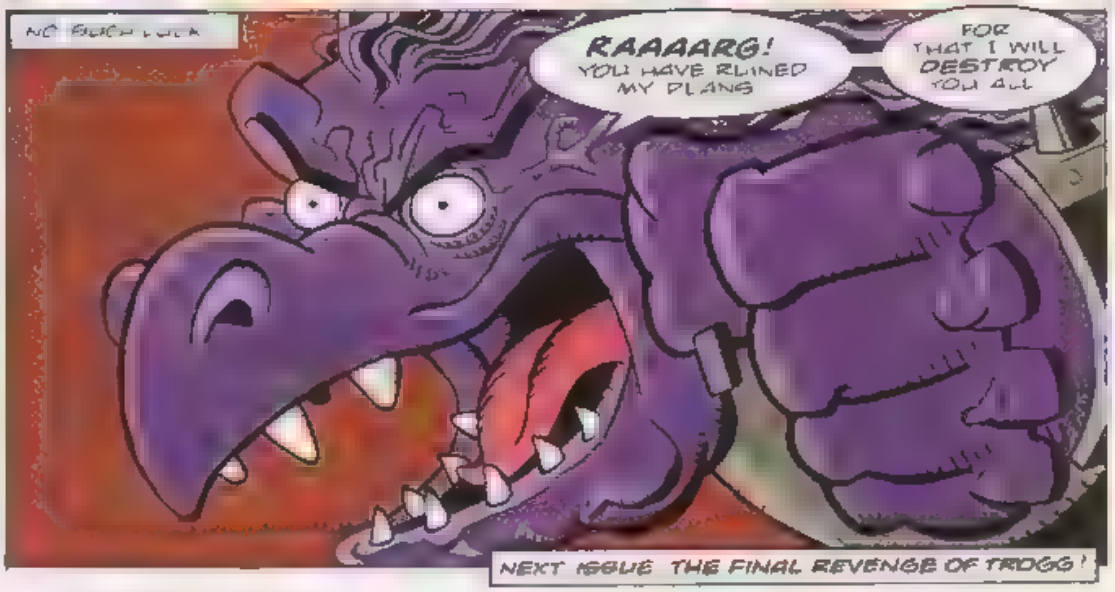
IT'S OUR BEST CHANCE! I'M BETTING THAT TROGG USES THIS ORB TO CONTROL THE DARK ONE
ONCE WE GET IT BACK TO THE NAMELESS ZONE, WE'LL FIND A WAY TO FORCE THE DARK ONE TO RELEASE THE ENCHANTER KINGS FROM HIS MAGIC


I THINK TROGG MAY HAVE OTHER IDEAS
GULP OH HELP


THE ORB YOU MUST GIVE IT TO ME
WH WHAT DO I DO WITH IT NOW KNUCKLES?


WE'VE SEEN HOW POWERFUL THE DARK ONE IS WE'RE NEVER GOING TO MAKE IT ACROSS THIS BRIDGE
TAILS GET RID OF IT THROW IT AWAY!





NEXT ISSUE THE FINAL REVENGE OF TROGG!

Q&A ZONE

Q IS FOR QUESTION,
A IS FOR ANSWER,
Q IS ALSO [illegible]

IF YOU WANT TO ENTER THE Q ZONE FOR [illegible], THEN [illegible] FAVOURITE SEGA GAMES, DROP A LINE TO:

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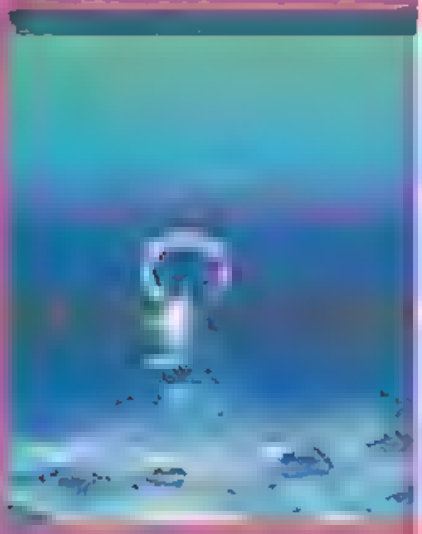

Problem solver: David Gibbon.

Mega Drive

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Four Islands	WBCBUGCB
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Master System

and sit on it's bowl. All you do next

This fab new level

THE LION KING

Master System

You see the 'Disney/Virgin Interactive Entertainment' logo

to indicate the cheat is work

select will appear. Hur-roarr!

The END

SONIC'S WORLD

CYBERNIK STRIKES BACK

A FAMILIAR SIGHT ON PLANET MOBIUS

MOVE, PRISONERS! YOU WILL SOON HAVE THE HONOUR OF WORKING AS BADNIKS FOR THE GREAT DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!

NOT QUITE THE CAREER I HAD IN MIND, TO BE HONEST

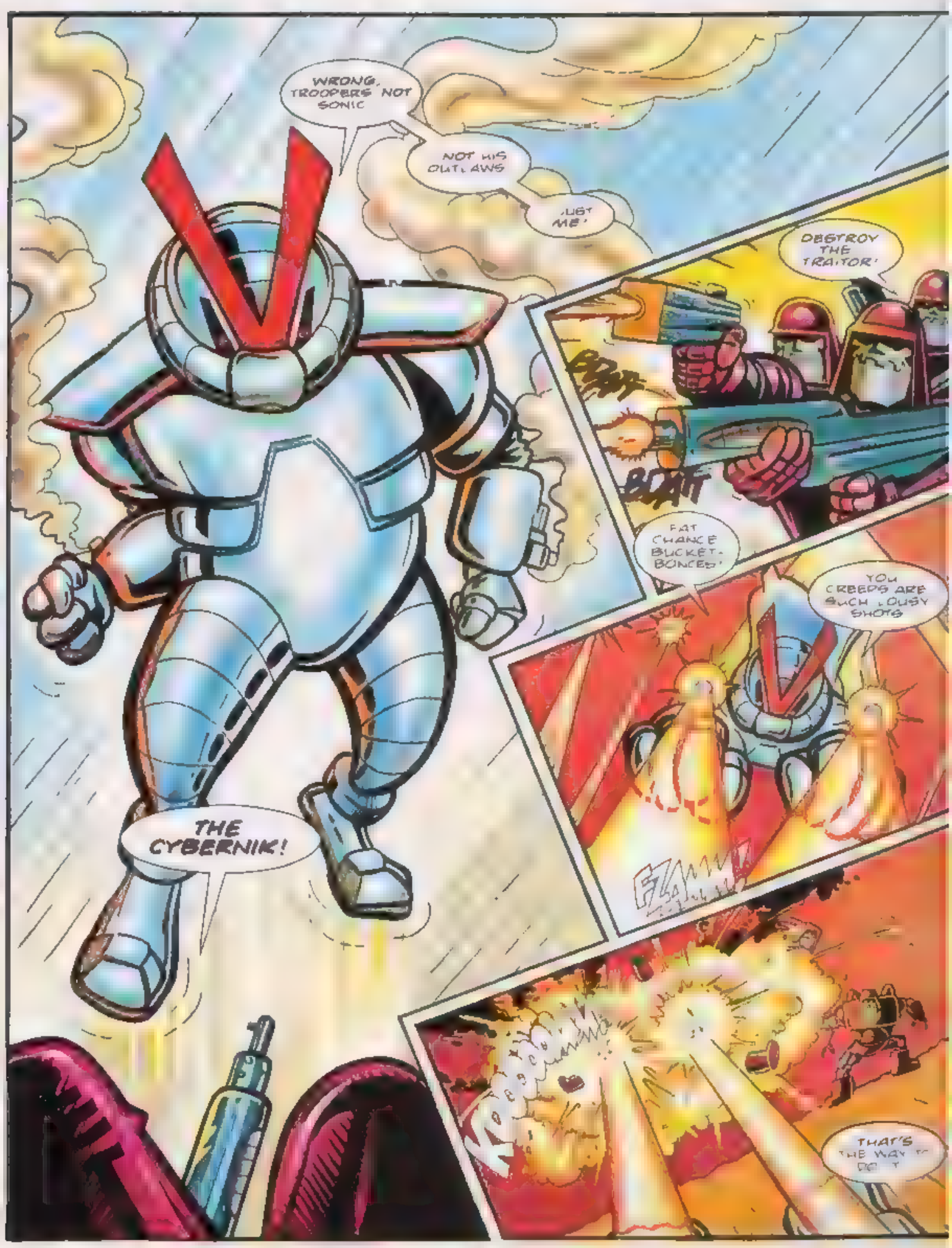
SILENCE SLAVE! YOU NEED SOME ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT!

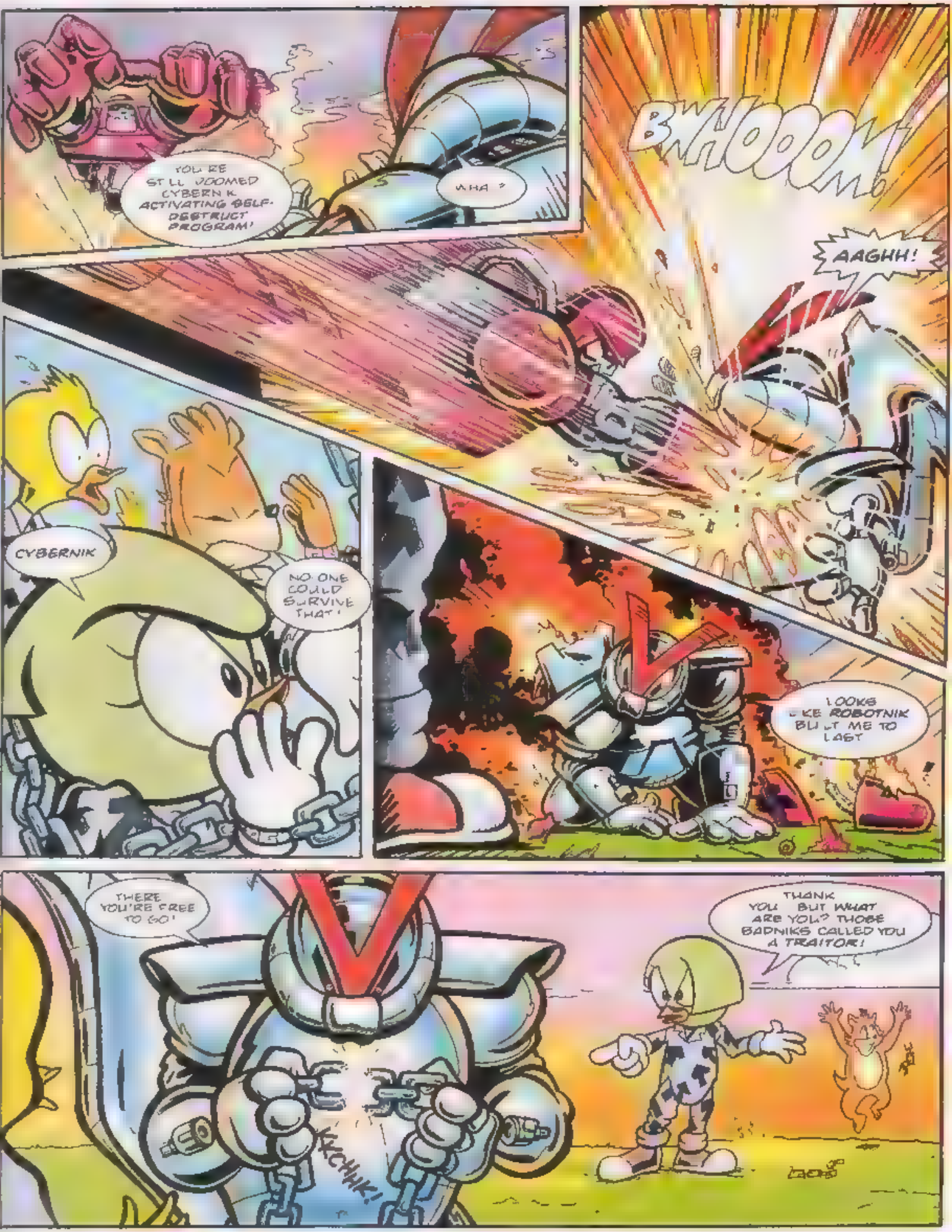
AAKK--!

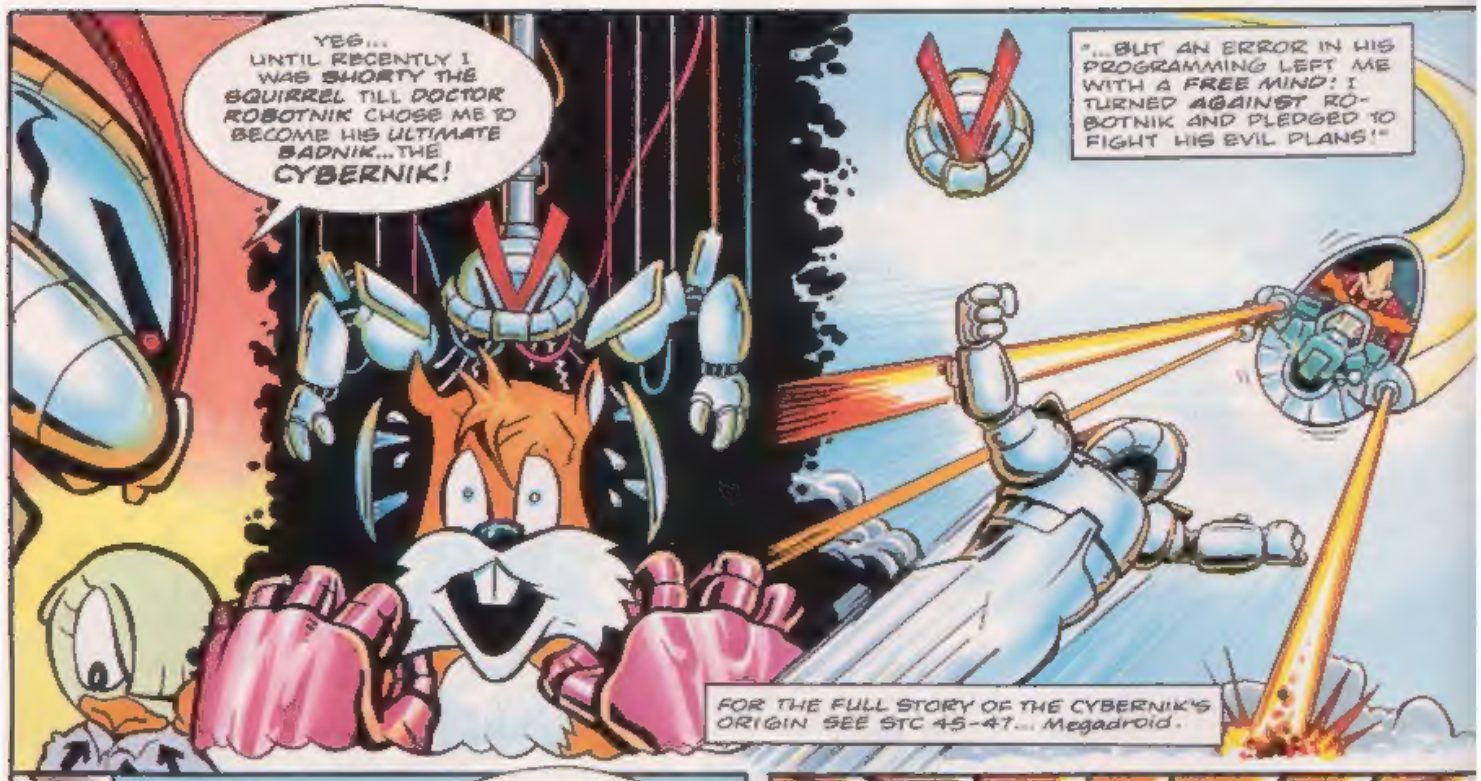
PAZAMM

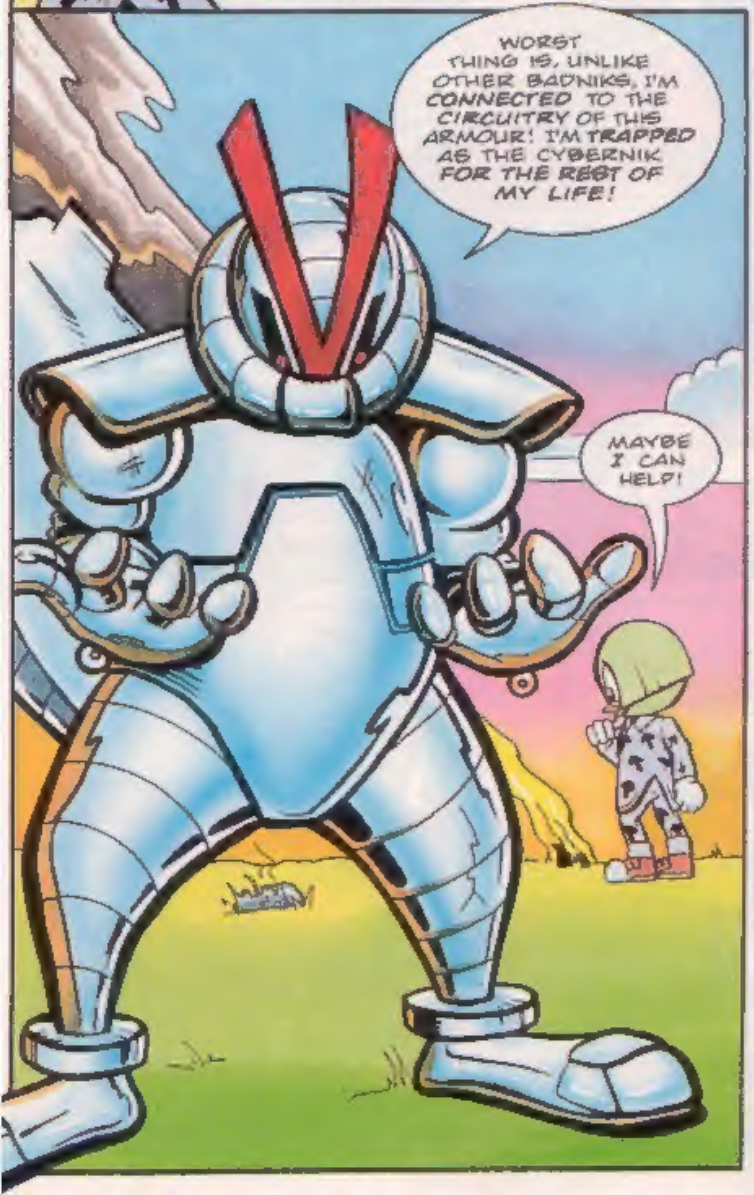
WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!

IT MUST BE SONIC AND HIS OUTLAWS

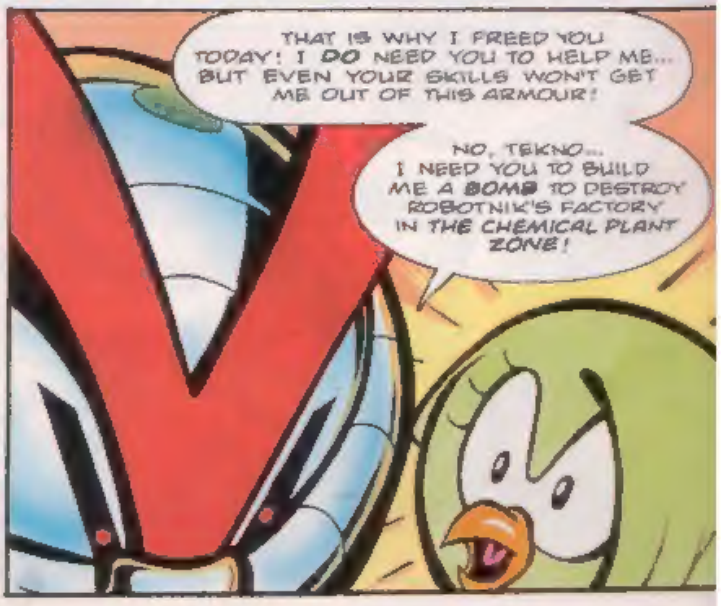

WRONG. TROOPERS NOT SONIC
NOT HIS OUTLAWS
JUST ME!
THE CYBERNIK!
DESTROY THE TRAITOR!
BRATT
BRATT
FAT CHANCE BUCKET-BONCER!
YOU CREEPS ARE SUCH LOUSY SHOTS
THAT'S THE WAY TO DO IT


YOU'RE STILL DOOMED CYBERNIK ACTIVATING SELF-DESTRUCT PROGRAM!
WHA ?
BWOOOM!
AAGHH!
CYBERNIK
NO ONE COULD SURVIVE THAT!
LOOKS LIKE ROBOTNIK BUILT ME TO LAST
THERE YOU'RE FREE TO GO!
KRCHNIK!
THANK YOU BUT WHAT ARE YOU? THOSE BADNIKS CALLED YOU A TRAITOR!


YES... UNTIL RECENTLY I WAS SHORTY THE SQUIRREL TILL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK CHOSE ME TO BECOME HIS ULTIMATE BADNIK...THE CYBERNIK!
"...BUT AN ERROR IN HIS PROGRAMMING LEFT ME WITH A FREE MIND! I TURNED AGAINST ROBOTNIK AND PLEDGED TO FIGHT HIS EVIL PLANS!"
FOR THE FULL STORY OF THE CYBERNIK'S ORIGIN SEE STC 45-47... Megadroid.


WORST THING IS, UNLIKE OTHER BADNIKS, I'M CONNECTED TO THE CIRCUITRY OF THIS ARMOUR! I'M TRAPPED AS THE CYBERNIK FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!
MAYBE I CAN HELP!

I'M AN ENGINEER... TOP OF MY FIELD! THE NAME'S...
...TEKNO... YES, I ALREADY KNEW WHO YOU WERE!


THAT IS WHY I FREED YOU TODAY! I DO NEED YOU TO HELP ME... BUT EVEN YOUR SKILLS WON'T GET ME OUT OF THIS ARMOUR!
NO, TEKNO... I NEED YOU TO BUILD ME A BOMB TO DESTROY ROBOTNIK'S FACTORY IN THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE!

MEANWHILE, AT CITADEL ROBOTNIK...
WHAAAAT?
...DOCTOR ROBOTNIK IS NOT A HAPPY DICTATOR!
GRIMER, YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT THE CYBERNIK HAS INTERFERED WITH MY PLANS AGAIN?
Y-YES, DOCTOR! I'M AFRAID SO!
I'LL HAVE TO USE MY GREAT MIND TO THINK OF A WAY TO DISPOSE OF SHORTFUSE PERMANENTLY!
WELL, GRIMER? I'M WAITING.
AH, YES, MASTER, YOU WERE ABOUT TO HAVE A BRILLIANT IDEA!
YOU WERE ABOUT TO MENTION THE ARTIFICIAL LIFE FORM I CREATED - THE SHAPE-SHIFTER!
OF COURSE! SHE'S PERFECT FOR THE TASK!
THANK YOU, DOCTOR! YOU KNOW HOW I VALUE YOUR PRAISE! I, METAMORPHIA, PROMISE YOU I WILL DESTROY SHORT-FUSE THE CYBERNIK... UTTERLY!
NEXT ISSUE: CONFRONTATION!

SPEED LINES

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Charmee - a bee who belongs in the sky.
Amy - Sonic's secret date?
STC - the coo-el-est read (oh, and Megadroid's great!).
Adam Elmahdi, Watford, Herts.
MD owner.
Sonic Stationery Winner.

With your talent you'll go far.
A super-duper rhyming star!

SPEAK YOUR MIND!

Dear Megadroid,
In my opinion the Sonic's World story **Cam 'n' Bert** really sucks, and that's not all ... **Ecco the Dolphin** stinks!
Richard Harris, Coalville, Leics.
Sonic Stationery Winner.

That's a shame, Richard. I always enjoyed watching your films!

Send your e-mail messages to:
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Be sure to include your snail mail (postal) address if you want to win a prize!

Flashy hedgehog!

Boomer Lewis, Saltney, Nr Chester.
Sonic Stationery Winner.

ROBOT-NICKED!

Dear Megadroid,
Help! I've been kidnapped by Doctor Robotnik and he'll only release me if I give him a Sonic Stationery set. If not, he's threatened to turn me into a Badnik!
Louise Barber, Chelmesford, Essex.
MD & Saturn owner.
Sonic Stationery Winner.

Mmm, it's amazing what some folk will resort to, Louise!

Four bits short of a Cybernik!

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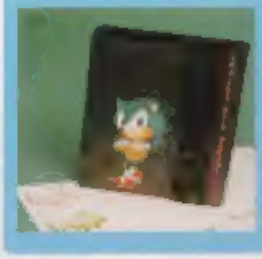

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FREE!

SONIC mask!

SONIC!
TRICKS!

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MY SEGA SYSTEM ...

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MM ☐ MS ☐ 32X ☐
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I WOULD LIKE TO SEE .....

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..... AS A COMIC STRIP IN *STC*.

THIS ISSUE'S MEGA HITS!

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2ND CHOICE .....

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